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TAGS: MILI, VS

SUBJECT: NEW AIRBORNE BRIGADE

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION AMEMBASSY SAIGON FROM AMCONSUL DANANG
24 JAN 75 BEING REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO:

QUOTE DANANG 075

1. DISCUSSED BRIEFLY THE STATUS OF THE NEW 4TH AIRBORNE BRIGADE
WITH AIRBORNE DIVISION CG BG LE QUANG LUONG ON JAN 23.

2. LUONG SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY JGS "ABOUT TEN DAYS
AGO" TO FORM THE NEW BRIGADE (WHOSE ACTIVATION WAS ANNOUNCED
AT I CORPS ON JAN 23). LUONG SAID THE NEW BRIGADE, WHICH HAS
THREE BATTALIONS, HAS A STRENGTH TO DATE OF 1300, PRIMARILY DRAWN
FROM EXISTING AIRBORNE UNITS. LUONG SAID MANY OF HIS UNITS HAVE
"POLY-CAPABILITY" AND, THEREFORE, IT HAS BEEN RELATIVELY SIMPLE TO
DRAW MEN FROM EXISTING UNITS TO FORM THE NEW BRIGADE. LUONG STATED
THAT THE NEW BRIGADE STRENGTH WILL BE INCREASED TO 1800 BY
RECRUITMENT. HE EXPECTS TO ACHIEVE THIS FIGURE BY FEB 1.

3. LUONG SAID THAT WHEN THE 4TH BRIGADE IS FULLY FORMED AND
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